

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amended claims follow:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to facilitate software installation using embedded user credentials, comprising:
  - receiving a software installation package at a computer;
  - extracting an installation program from the software installation package;
  - determining if a current user has sufficient privileges to run the installation program;
  - if the current user does not have sufficient privileges,
    - recovering a set of user credentials that is associated with sufficient privileges to run the installation program from the software installation package, and
    - authenticating to the computer using the set of user credentials; and
    - running the installation program on the computer;
  - wherein the software installation package includes a plurality of sets of user credentials;
    - wherein the plurality of sets of user credentials each include a user name and an associated password;
    - wherein an error message is displayed if none of the plurality of sets of user credentials are associated with sufficient privileges to run the installation program from the software installation package.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the software installation package includes an agent, wherein the agent enforces security policies on the computer.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

recovering a second set of user credentials from the plurality of sets of user credentials if the set of user credentials failed during authentication; and authenticating to the computer using the second set of user credentials.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of user credentials is encrypted.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the software installation package is received over a network.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the software installation package is received on a storage medium.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a method to facilitate software installation using embedded user credentials, the method comprising:

receiving a software installation package at the computer;  
extracting an installation program from the software installation package;  
determining if a current user has sufficient privileges to run the installation program;

if the current user does not have sufficient privileges,

recovering a set of user credentials that is associated with sufficient privileges to run the installation program from the software installation package, and

authenticating to the computer using the set of user credentials; and running the installation program on the computer;  
wherein the software installation package includes at least one set of user credentials;

wherein the plurality of sets of user credentials each include a user name and an associated password;

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wherein an error message is displayed if none of the plurality of sets of user credentials are associated with sufficient privileges to run the installation program from the software installation package.

9. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the software installation package includes an agent, wherein the agent enforces security policies on the computer.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the set of user credentials is encrypted.

13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the software installation package is received over a network.

14. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein the software installation package is received on a storage medium.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus to facilitate software installation using embedded user credentials, comprising:

a receiving mechanism that is configured to receive a software installation package at a computer;

an extracting mechanism that is configured to extract an installation program from the software installation package;

a determining mechanism that is configured to determine if a current user has sufficient privileges to run the installation program;

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a recovering mechanism that is configured to recover a set of user credentials that is associated with sufficient privileges to run the installation program from the software installation package;

an authenticating mechanism that is configured to authenticate to the computer using the set of user credentials; and

a software executing mechanism that is configured to run the installation program on the computer;

wherein the software installation package includes a plurality of sets of user credentials;

wherein the plurality of sets of user credentials each include a user name and an associated password;

wherein an error message is displayed if none of the plurality of sets of user credentials are associated with sufficient privileges to run the installation program from the software installation package.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the software installation package includes an agent, wherein the agent enforces security policies on the computer.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15,  
wherein the recovering mechanism is further configured to recover a second set of user credentials from the plurality of sets of user credentials if the set of user credentials failed during authentication; and

wherein the authenticating mechanism is further configured to authenticate to the computer using the second set of user credentials.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the set of user credentials is encrypted.

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20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the software installation package is received over a network.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the software installation package is received on a storage medium.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the installation program is run from a remote computer without knowledge of the current user.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining if a subsequent set of user credentials from the plurality of sets of user credentials are available in the software installation package if the set of user credentials failed during authentication;  
recovering the subsequent set of user credentials from the plurality of sets of user credentials included in the software installation package if it is determined that the subsequent set of user credentials is available; and  
authenticating a second time to the computer using the subsequent set of user credentials.